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Marriage is a mating, freely made by the parties alone, founded upon a desire to live together, neither society, state, children, anybody else is benefited by compelling people to live together who have ceased to desire it. If one repels a marriage association so earnestly that his or her moral nature and sense of right fail to make the union tolerable, it is better he or she should be bid to depart in peace. When one hates, where both should love, it is better to let them adjust their mistake as freely as they were permitted to make it.—C. R. S. Wood, in Pacific Monthly.

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The proud and justifiable boast of the O. R. & N. railway is that not one passenger has yet been killed in a wreck on its lines. Perhaps no other road with the same mileage and volume of traffic in the United States can truthfully make such a commendable showing. It is a tribute alike to the efficiency of employees and the organization of the executive powers of the road.

From the standpoint of the Morning Tribune, on the prohibition question, a man who pays no taxes has no right to citizenship. If its doctrine were heeded, the laborers would be finally disfranchised and only the rich would take part in making the laws. This is in direct keeping, however, with the policies advocated by the Tribune.

When the people in a progressive community look around them and count the human hogs who are monopolizing public blessings for private uses, holding back the moral and material growth of the city and country, and that hang like an incubus over the progress of society, they are forced at times to admit that the lighting has not done its full duty.

With free books, free breakfasts, free tuition, free towels and soap and free elbow grease to manipulate the scrubbing brush on dirty hands, the children of the poor who attend the free public schools of the large cities are certainly in a happy condition, despite their unhappy home surroundings. The compulsory school law should be rigidly enforced and the benefit of the public school fund should be made to reach every child that lives to become of school age. There is no grander conception in the history of government than the public school system. Even popular government itself is not so splendid in its ideals as the free school for children of every degree. Parents and patrons of the public schools should see that the institution keeps pace with the age.

Public sentiment heartily favors a large fund for a representative exhibit for Umatilla county at the Lewis and Clark fair. The county court will certainly donate for that purpose and the citizens will give more than the county court donates. The matter of funds is practically settled. Now the next important step is the selection of the man to handle that fund and have charge of the exhibit. A large exhibit poorly arranged and inefficiently handled would be as bad as no exhibit. A responsible, industrious man of pleasing address and unlimited patience must be chosen. He must be paid well and be held responsible to the county court and to any organization that may raise the private funds. Because some man needs the job is no reason for his appointment. This is a cold business proposition. The agent of the county in this matter must fully understand his business and be able to give the people a service worth the money.

Narrowness, selfishness and provincialism in newspapers scatter abroad more wrong impressions about a country to take root and

grow in the minds of strangers, than any other agency. A wrong statement or a narrow sentiment travels faster and takes deeper root in men's memories than a truth or an unselfish thought. Let a newspaper say a mean thing about some section of a state, or ridicule the progress of some city, or district, through jealousy, and that scandalous bit of journalism will be picked up as if it were a sweet morsel and repeated from every press in the country. For the same reason, and through the same glibness propensities, a man always hears the mean things said of him, while very few of the encouraging words spoken of him ever tingle in his listening ears. Since newspapers are endowed with the faculty of scattering news, the scattering process should be sacredly guarded, in order to reduce to a minimum the evil results of such distribution. A newspaper, like an individual, should keep its damaging and evil knowledge under its hat. There is no place in the world for the snarler or the backbiter. If you can't say something good of the country, the people or the customs, don't waste words and postage in saying evil things. More damage has been done to Oregon in distant states, by the bitter calumnies printed by Oregon papers about the shortcomings, motives and selfishness of different sections of the state, than by any other means. It is time for a long pull together and "rum" should be the word with him who can't say something pleasant and encouraging.

That was a grotesque spectacle which was witnessed in Portland, Wednesday night, in the burning of a Chinese devil, symbolizing the subjugation of the spirit of evil. The Chinaman is a realistic poet and preacher. All the various phases of his religion are personified, materialized in some figure that he can see and feel. Imagination don't satisfy the Chinese zeal. Gods and devils must be carved out, properly decorated, labelled and numbered so if the Chinese worshiper feels the need of a revival of spirituality, he may enter his joss house and go personally before his deity. If the Chinese nature feels that it has arisen to a sufficient spiritual heat to conquer evil, the materialistic Chinaman must have an actual, painted devil on hand to burn and destroy. No imaginary conquest over an imaginary devil satisfies Chinese religion. The inner consciousness of having conquered is not enough—he must see the very wooden devil fall from his pedestal, suffer humiliation by being dragged to the street and be consumed in fire, amid grotesque orgies made more gruesome by the smell of smoldering punk and the nerve-racking fanfare of the Chinese orchestra. After all, the Chinese are no worse than other poets. If the descriptions of the devil and the powers of evil often heard from the pulpit, could be carved from Oregon pine and painted with stinking Chinese pigments, the gods in the joss house would look like smiling angels beside them. All that is lacking to make much of modern religion as grotesque as the Chinese, is the art of wood carving, and the knowledge of mixing flaming colors.

## CHRONIC SORES

Wheeling, W. Va., May 28, 1903.  
 Some years ago while at work, I fell over a truck and severely injured both of my shins. My blood became poisoned as a result, and the doctor told me I would have running sores for life, and that if they were healed up the result would be fatal. Under this discouraging report I left off my treatment and reported to the use of S. S. S. Its effects were prompt and gratifying. It took only a short while for the medicine to entirely cure up the sores, and I am not dead as the doctors intimated, nor have the sores ever broke out again. Some 23 years have elapsed since what I have described occurred. Having been so signally benefited by its use I can heartily recommend it as the one great blood purifier.

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 One man with a dream, at pleasure,  
 Shall go forth and conquer a crown.  
 And three with a new song's measure  
 Can trample a kingdom down.

We in the ages lying  
 In the buried past of the earth,  
 Built Ninveh with our sighing  
 And Babel itself in our mirth.  
 And o'erthrew them with prophesying.

To the old of the new world's worth,  
 For each age is a dream that is dying  
 Or one that is coming to birth.  
 —Arthur O'Shaughnessy.

## NEW NATIONAL UNITY.

The Civil war with all its rancors  
 now lies at so far a distance in the past that the appointment of a former Confederate to office under the national government causes no surprise, excites no criticism, and awakens interest only in proportion to the prominence of the man.

When it was announced recently that Col. John S. Mosby, the famous guerrilla leader of the Southern army of 1861-65, had been made an assistant attorney general of the United States, thousands of veterans and more thousands of readers of American history were pleased with this latest sign of national unity.

Colonel Mosby had been for some time rendering good service to the interior department in investigating land and Indian office cases in the Southwest. In his new position he will have to deal with insular and territorial affairs, and he is accredited with all the qualifications required for the right discharge of his important duties.

Colonel Mosby still displays much of his old-time energy and activity, and these, with his acknowledged ability, fit him for success in civil posts. His attractive personal qualities have drawn to him many friends, and the fact that his residence hereafter to be over the line in Virginia has been hailed with satisfaction by the people and the press of that state.—Leslie's Weekly.

**Moscow Against High Kickers.**  
 The city council of Moscow has closed down once and forever the branch of the Barker Carnival Co. known as the "Oriental Dancing Girls." The council visited the performance and decided that the play was of too vulgar and immoral a character to be permitted to run and issued a mandate for its cessation.—Lewiston Tribune.

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